

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed April 19, 2006. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-8, 12-19, 21-22, 26-29, 34-38, and 41 are allowed.

Section 102 Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 30 and 32-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,684,800 issued to Dobbins et al. ("Dobbins"). Applicants have canceled Claims 30 and 32-33 without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, this rejection should now be moot. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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